

concerns by providing the American public with a modest, although necessary mechanism which requires federal agencies to give advance notice, and an opportunity to comment, on how rules issued by federal agencies will affect their personal privacy.

Mr. Speaker, throughout my tenure in Congress, I have striven to keep faith with my sworn obligation to protect and preserve the Constitution of the United States. This precious document, which secures our fundamental rights and liberties, will endure as a charter of freedom only as long as there are those with the fidelity to live by it and the courage to defend it. Of the several philosophical foundations which undergird the Bill of Rights, the right to privacy provides a central, organizing principle which gives content to the substantive protections contained in our Founding document.

I believe I have done my part to uphold this body's sacred obligation to preserve the sanctity of our Constitution, and urge my colleagues to do the same by supporting the Federal Agency Protection of Privacy Act.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4561.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY ROLE MODELS WEEK

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 409) supporting the goals and ideals of National Community Role Models Week, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 409

Whereas individuals who are motivated every day by traditional American values such as selflessness, compassion, dedication, courage, and integrity have a positive effect on society by encouraging others to act in a similar manner;

Whereas individuals in local communities located throughout the United States embody these values in their daily work, communities, and homes;

Whereas children and adults would benefit from learning about individuals in their community who embody these values and about what motivates them;

Whereas because children learn and act by examples they experience on a daily basis, they need role models from their local community with whom they can realistically relate;

Whereas inspiring stories about an individual that a child knows or might meet in the community can make a difference in that child's decisions and life;

Whereas the Recognizing Achievement—Rewarding Excellence Foundation (R.A.R.E. Foundation) based in Troy, Michigan, has es-

tablished a program to recognize exceptional people who work in the community and further educate children in the community about such people;

Whereas the R.A.R.E. Foundation is willing to provide guidance to any community interested in starting such a program; and

Whereas National Community Role Models Week is a fitting tribute to the many individuals who displayed motivation, selflessness, compassion, dedication, courage, and integrity during the aftermath of the terrorist attacks against the United States which occurred on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Community Role Models Week;

(2) commends the Recognizing Achievement—Rewarding Excellence Foundation based in Troy, Michigan, for establishing a program to recognize exceptional people who work in the community and further educate children in the community about such people; and

(3) encourages the establishment of similar programs in communities throughout the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAN MILLER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAN MILLER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 409.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker I am pleased to have the House consider House Concurrent Resolution 409. I commend the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KNOLLENBERG) for introducing this measure and working so hard to bring it to the floor.

I am a co-sponsor of this important resolution that expresses the support of the House of Representatives for the goals and ideals of the National Community Role Models Week. This resolution encourages communities to adopt programs that recognize local heroes and educate children about them.

In addition, this resolution recognizes an organization of southeastern Michigan that has established a program to recognize outstanding community residents and teach children about work ethic values and accomplishments. Since 1998 the Recognizing Achievement—Rewarding Excellence, or RARE, Foundation of Troy, Michigan, has identified hundreds of unsung heroes in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Some award winners include an entrepreneur who built a successful company that teaches moderately handicapped people to live on their own, a receptionist who created a care pro-

gram for the spouses of terminally ill employees, and a principal of an elementary school located in a poverty-stricken and drug-impacted neighborhood who led the school to achieve the national Blue Ribbon award.

Children need role models today more than ever. A role model from a child's family or community can make a great difference in a child's life. Although we often hear inspiring stories about famous individuals, we seldom publicly recognize exceptional people in our communities who can better relate to kids. There are many working individuals in our local communities who are motivated every day by values such as selflessness, compassion, dedication, courage, and integrity. Although these people could be a wonderful role model for children in their communities, their efforts are seldom publicly recognized; and as a result, people in the community cannot benefit from not knowing about them. Since children learn by examples they experience on a daily basis, they need role models from their local community.

More than rock stars or sports figures, these individuals can better inspire children to think about their personal heroes and reflect upon their dreams and aspirations. It is essential that we validate and promote at a local level the exceptional values possessed by many individuals within our communities. Establishing an annual week for identifying role models in our local communities would remind us how each individual, no matter his or her profession, plays a vital role in the greatness of this Nation. I commend the RARE Foundation for establishing a program to recognize community role models, and I encourage other communities to establish similar programs. I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAN MILLER) in considering Con. Res. 409, supporting the goals and ideals of National Community Role Models Week, and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker, H. Con. Res. 409 supports the goals of National Community Role Models Week and the Recognizing Achievement—Rewarding Excellence Foundation, the RARE Foundation.

While today's athletes and entertainers have inspiring stories of perseverance, endurance, and dedication and are indeed noteworthy individuals, they are often far removed from the lives that young people live. However, parents, teachers, nurses, crossing guards, the so-called working stiff, ordinary everyday people are the people that interact and touch the lives of young people on a daily basis. People that go to work every day to earn an honest living that provide a service and

do so in a professional manner, these are the individuals that often are overlooked, but fortunately not during National Community Role Models Week. These individuals are motivated every day by traditional American values such as selflessness, compassion, dedication, courage, and integrity. They embody these values in their daily work, in their communities, and in their homes.

Not only should these individuals, the neighbor, dentist, baker, shopkeeper, Sunday school teacher, scout leader, the lady down the block who teaches children, young girls how to bake, how to cook, how to sew, all of these individuals should be honored during National Community Role Models week but every day they touch the lives of children in a very positive and enduring way. The "working stiff" as they are often called, the average person, is indeed a national treasure and should be treated as such. There are thousands and thousands of individuals throughout our country who give of themselves on a daily basis in such a way as to empower, enlighten and enrich the lives of others and especially of children. And when they do so, we must recognize that they are role models and should be treated as such. So I am pleased to join in support of this resolution and urge its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I urge adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 409. This legislation supports the goals and ideals of the National Community Role Models Week. It also commends those unsung heroes, community role models who make a difference in the lives of children and inspire all of us. I thank the RARE Foundation of Troy, Michigan, for recognizing community role models.

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, more than anything else, the tragic events of September 11 helped our Nation realize that it is blessed with so many wonderful heroes—not only the firefighters and other emergency personnel that were on the scene but countless others all over the Nation in our communities who demonstrate daily remarkable deeds of character, integrity and bravery.

I have introduced this legislation because I believe children must learn to recognize the strong role models that live in their local communities. Children need to understand that they are important and can make a difference no matter their occupation. Although we often hear inspiring stories about famous celebrities, sports figures, and civil leaders, we seldom publicly recognize exceptional people right in our own neighborhoods and communities with whom children can more readily relate.

The legislation before us today encourages communities to adopt programs that recognize local heroes and educate children about them, and supports the goals and ideals of a National Community Role Models Week.

Establishing an annual week for identifying role models in our local communities would remind us how each individual, no matter his or

her profession, plays a vital role in the greatness of this Nation.

There are many working individuals in our local communities who are motivated every day by values such as selflessness, compassion, dedication, courage, and integrity. Although these people could be wonderful role models for children in their communities, their efforts are seldom publicly recognized and, as a result, people in the community cannot benefit from knowing about them.

As children learn and act by examples they experience on a daily basis, they need role models from their local community with whom they can realistically relate. More than rock stars or sports figures, these individuals can better inspire children to think about their personal heroes and reflect upon their own dreams and aspirations.

An organization in Troy, Michigan, the RARE (Recognizing Achievement—Rewarding Excellence) Foundation, has established a program to recognize outstanding community residents and teach children about their work ethic, values and accomplishments. The Foundation helps children develop a sense of purpose and hope for their future by providing inspirational examples of ordinary people with traditional jobs who make extraordinary contributions.

Since its inception, the RARE Foundation has identified hundreds of unsung, silent heroes in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Some award winners include: an entrepreneur who built a successful company that teaches moderately handicapped people to live on their own; an apartment maintenance supervisor who risked his life to save tenants from a fire; a receptionist who created a care program for the spouses of terminally ill employees; detectives who worked for years during evenings and weekends to solve a murder; a principal of an elementary school located in a poverty-stricken and drug impacted neighborhood who led the school to achieve the national Blue Ribbon award. These individuals hold ordinary jobs but distinguish themselves with their extraordinary dedication, persistence and compassion.

Earlier this year, RARE Foundation teamed up with the Detroit News and sent brochures to 19,000 classrooms throughout the State of Michigan asking students to write essays nominating the person who is their hero. The News received 600 essays in response and selected winners. During the week of September 11, the Detroit News sent a 20-page supplement to schools that contained the winning essays, articles about RARE Award Winners and a teacher's guide for teaching the qualities and characteristics of heroism.

Heroes in the eyes of 4th through 8th graders included: well-loved elementary school principals, local philanthropists, challenging and supportive teachers, school secretaries, venerable coaches, youth pastors, dentists, nurses, doctors, judges, veterans, and family members.

H. Con. Res. 409 encourages communities to adopt similar programs that recognize local heroes and educate children about them.

Children need role models today more than ever in our history, and the role model in the family or next-door is immeasurably more important than the famous. It is essential that we validate and promote at a local level the exceptional values possessed by many individuals within our communities. Ideally, a national

role models week would surround September 11 each year to memorialize the remarkable heroism and compassion displayed by so many after the terrible attack on our country. Establishing an annual week for identifying role models in our local communities would remind us how each individual, no matter his or her profession, plays a vital role in the progress of this nation.

I encourage my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAN MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 409.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2578) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2578

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8200 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, California, shall be known and redesignated as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building".

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAN MILLER) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAN MILLER).

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2578.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ADERHOLT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. DAN MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the House consider H.R. 2578, introduced by our distinguished colleague,